



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX FOR BUSES USED AS
TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce homelessness on the streets by exempting vehicles that are converted into mobile homeless shelters from the motor vehicle weight tax.

Some tour companies are donating their old buses to charity groups like H-5 who are converting these buses into mobile homeless shelters for men, women, and children. Reducing the motor vehicle weight tax for such buses will allow these groups to better assist the needs of the homeless.

SECTION 2. Chapter 41, Article 17, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the revisor of ordinances and to read as follows:

"Sec. 41-17. Shelter buses.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 17, Chapter 41, shelter buses shall be taxed at zero cents per pound of the net weight of such vehicle.
- (b) For purposes of this section:

"Shelter bus" means a commercial passenger vehicle that is at least 40 feet in length, refitted to be used and is used as a temporary shelter for the homeless, and certified by the director of community services as capable of such service."

SECTION 3. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the revisor of ordinances need not include the underscoring.



CITY COUNCIL
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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 09 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

MUFI HANNEMANN, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

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